



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 420

June 10, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives BRANDEMUEHL, MUSSER, LADWIG, RILEY, ALBERS, SERATTI, OLSEN, GOETSCH, GROTHMAN, NASS, OWENS, KELSO and KLUSMAN, cosponsored by Senators FARROW and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 19.35 (3) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** assessment of fees for  
2             the costs of locating public records.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Currently, unless otherwise provided by law or authorized to be prescribed by law, if a requester has the right to inspect or copy public records, and the cost of locating the records is \$50 or more, the custodian of the records may charge the requester for the actual, necessary and direct cost of locating the records.

This bill provides that, unless otherwise provided by law or authorized to be prescribed by law, a custodian may charge a requester for the actual, necessary and direct cost of locating public records if the cost is \$5 or more.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 19.35 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4             19.35 (3) (c) Except as otherwise provided by law or as authorized to be  
5             prescribed by law, an authority may impose a fee upon a requester for locating a

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1 record, not exceeding the actual, necessary and direct cost of location, if the cost is  
2 \$50 \$5 or more.

3 (END)